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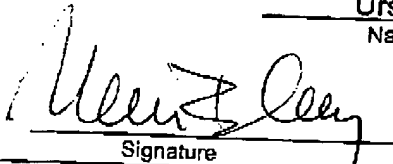
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:	)
Francesco DiSalvo et al.	)
Appl. No.: 10/726,100	) Examiner: Pete Vrettakos
Filed: December 2, 2003	) Group Art Unit: 3739
For: SILVER ALLOYS FOR USE IN MEDICAL, SURGICAL AND MICROSURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE ALLOYS	)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above application in response to the Official Action of August 1, 2006, having a shortened period for response terminating November 1, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to extend the period for response to above-referenced Official Action by THREE months until February 1, 2007.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, previously filed on

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii. ☐ Other

b. i. ☒ Amendment/reply will be filed later as per discussion with the Examiner on February 1, 2007.

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103 (c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. ☐ Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$680.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

☒ A Request for Extension of Time for two months was filed on January 3, 2007 together with a Request for Reconsideration, and the appropriate fee of \$225.00 was already paid. The

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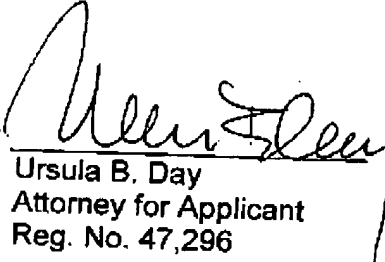
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Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$285.00 to cover the difference between the third months extension of time and the already paid amount of \$225.00 for the two months extension to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)
- d. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

Respectfully submitted,

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